

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Judson Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT PLEASANT PLAINS, HENRY COUNTY, ALA.,

ON THE 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH DAYS OF OCT, 1878.

OFFICERS:

ELDER L. R. SIMS,.....	MODERATOR.
ELDER D. ROGERS,.....	CLERK.
BRO. J. T. DAVIS,.....	TREASURER,

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MINUTES.

The JUDSON ASSOCIATION convened in its 28th annual session with Pleasant Plains Church, Oct. 4th, 1878.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by L. R. Sims, upon Mat. 16:18, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock will I build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Services closed by Bro. Martin.

At 2 o'clock the body was called to order by the former Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. W. Malone. Bro J. Tyler, preached at the stand at this hour.

The letters were read by Brothers Davis and Pace, and the following delegates names enrolled:

- Abbeville*—A. L. Martin, A. B. Fowler and W. W. Nobles.
- Adaniram*—W. H. Parker and J. S. Barnett.
- Bethel*—D. Rogers, Job Jimmerson and J. M. Snead.
- Beulah*—J. C. Skipper, and D. E. Burdeshaw.
- Bethlehem*—S. W. Locke and J. A. Campbell.
- Bluff Spring*—J. Walters and E. E. Meders.
- Camp Spring*—E. A. Godfrey and B. J. Waller.
- Concord*—F. M. Kirkland, M. Brackin and W. H. Brackin.
- Christian Grove*—R. A. Davis and Robert Lee.
- Columbia*—John T. Davis, L. G. Clark, J. P. Knight and J. L. Williams.
- Ebenezer*—M. Bouey and J. R. Webb.
- Fellowship*—D. Whidden and P. H. Askew.
- Gordon*—Nat Pace.
- Hebron*—E. M. Knowles and M. C. Stephenson.
- Harmony*—Wm. Mathis and Jas. Brown.
- Judson*—J. W. Malone and W. C. Gissendar.
- Liberty*—Jas. Best and W. M. Whitaker.
- Mt. Pleasant (D)*—Thos. Rabon and D. Kilensworth.
- Mt. Pleasant (B)*—S. J. Belcher.
- Mt. Ariel*—Clayton Nolin.
- New Hope*—B. Melton.

Oaky Grove—Jno. Roney and R. S. Knight.

Pleasant Grove—M. V. Capps, W. G. Davidson, J. H. Spivy and E. Roach.

Pleasant Plains—R. C. Kirkland, S. Kirkland, and A. F. Stanton.

Pleasant Hill—Not represented.

Pilgrim's Rest—T. S. Stapleton and D. Williams.

Sardis—Not represented.

Smyrna—J. A. Hooten and J. Y. Holemon.

Shorterville—L. R. Sims, B. G. Farmer and A. McAlister.

Tolbert—T. B. Roney and J. Hodges.

Walnut Grove—Joseph Lane and T. T. Smith.

Elected, L. R. Sims *Moderator* and D. Rogers, *Clerk*.

1. Called for *Petitionary Letters*.

2. Called for *Correspondence*, and received from the *Bethel Association*, Ga., Eld. J. S. Parker, and from the *West Florida Association* W. A. Boon and H. C. Neal.

3. The following *Committees* were appointed:

On Preaching—J. L. Williams, with Pastor and delegates of Pleasant Plains Church.

On Finance—A. F. Stanton, M. V. Capps, and B. G. Farmer.

On deceased Ministers and Deacons.—J. T. Davis, B. A. Forrister and J. H. Spivy.

On Nominations—T. T. Smith, L. G. Clark and A. J. Armstrong.

On Documents—E. M. Knowls, J. W. Malone, and Wm. Brunar.

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RETURNED CORRESPONDENTS.

To the *West Florida Association*, L. R. Sims, T. S. Stapleton, and Dan Williams.

To the *Newton Association*—J. Tyler.

To the *Eufaula Association*—D. Rogers, J. W. Malone, W. C. Gissendinar and S. J. Belcher.

To the *Bethel Association*—L. R. Sims, D. Rogers and R. A. Davis.

5. The *Committee on Preaching* announced that Brother Parker was appointed to preach in the house at night, and brother Martin to preach at the stand Saturday at 11 o'clock. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by brother Parker.

SATURDAY 9 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Jesse Rogers.

1. Called for *Correspondence*, and received from the *Newton As-*

sociation Brother M. R. Howel,

2. Read and adopted the Minutes of yesterday.
3. Renewed the call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Brother Nat Pace was added to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.
5. Adopted the following:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

It is with sad hearts, and deep regrets, that it becomes the painful duty of your Committee to report the death of Elder B. H. Banks, who died on the 10th of September last. Although Brother Banks was a citizen of Florida, he seemed to hold an attachment for the Judson Association, and continued his membership with Pilgrim's Rest Church up to the time of his death. While his life, in many of its stages, seemed to be a chequered one, yet, ever and anon, his love for the Saviour would draw him near the cross as the needle inclines to the pole. Let us sincerely trust that his labors, his trials, and his crosses in this life have all culminated in an immortal crown.

We also have to report the death of two of our Deacons, Brother T. S. Thompson and Isaac W. Kirkland, both of whom were exemplary christians, and good and worthy citizens. Let us continue to pray, brethren, that the Lord, by the influences of his spirit, may send more laborers into his vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. T. DAVIS,
B. A. FORRESTER,
J. H. SPIVY.

6. Adopted the following:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on documents, ask to make the following report: The Churches at Columbia and Pilgrim's Rest, each, petition for the next session of your body to meet with them. We recommend that the Association hold its next session with Columbia church. We recommend that every church in the Association keep up a Sabbath School, and teach the plain word of the Bible, that we may impart the truths of the Gospel to all.

E. M. KNOWLES,
J. W. MALONE,
WM. BRUNER.

7. The above recommendation concurred in, and appointed the NEXT SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION to meet with the Columbia church, Friday before the first Sabbath in Oct. 1879.

8. Read and adopted

THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, the Executive Committee, ask leave to make the following report, and earnestly recommend its adoption by your body:

In pursuance of our duty, we proceeded, soon after the adjourn-

ment of the Association at its session of 1877, with Shorterville church, to procure supplies for the White Oak Mission, and did engage Brother Malone and Brother Tyler to occupy that field as they might think best for the interest of the cause of Christ. Brother Malone reports having preached in that mission once a month, and while he has not baptised any, he is sanguine that good has been accomplished. Brother Tyler reports having preached two Sabbaths in each month, baptised one, whose membership is at Christian Grove church. In his opinion he has every reason to hope good has been accomplished. Brother E. M. Knowles reports having preached 15 sermons to Liberty church, baptizing 6 and restoring 1, during the time. He also reports having preached 10 sermons at Pleasant Hill. This preaching was done under the suggestion at the last meeting of your body, that in cases where ministers served, or preached to churches, not able within themselves to sustain a pastor, that the Association would come to their relief. We recommend that each of those brethren be paid \$25.00 for their services out of the funds pledged for that purpose, if less be collected then in pro rata.

We would recommend that the White Oak Mission, as such be discontinued; and that in lieu thereof, that the entire bounds of the Association be thrown into one evangelical and mission field, and that the Association employ a Minister competent to discharge both the duties of Missionary and Evangelist, and send him out as such. And would recommend Brother A. L. Martin as that Minister; and we further suggest that pledges be taken for that special object, said pledges to be due and payable at the next session of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. T. DAVIS, Chm'n.

The recommendations in the above were adopted.

9. At 11 o'clock the report on Foreign Missions was called for, and Brother Martin being Chairman of the Committee on Missions, and his presence being desired in the house, he was excused from preaching and Brother E. M. Knowles preached at that hour.

Pending the adoption of the report Brother Martin delivered a lengthy and interesting address on missions.

The report was adopted and the following:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions, in making up their report, can but take a view of the past, and when we do this, we can but feel thankful to him who has blessed his own truth and made it to accomplish that whereunto he has sent it. But still brethren there is much to do. Still the work rises up before us. for we have but established the work in the past, and now it must be defended against the attacks of our enemies, and the weapons of our defense is God's truths. And we the Primitive Missionary Baptists plant ourselves upon this as our foundation. We take it as the inspired word of God, as profitable for doctrine, reproof and correction, and as the only rule of faith and practice that Christ ever ordained for the government and prac-

tice of his kingdom on earth. So that if any one should ask for a reason why we thus believe and practice, we will point them to the New Testament as our authority. Thus standing upon His truth, and taking it as the sword of the spirit, we have nothing to fear. Now brethren, who says amen to this? To as many as do, we say that the spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions; then if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his. Have we this spirit, brethren? If so, then to the work of the Master let us all awake. What is the work? It is that this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached by us in this part of his vineyard. This work has been committed to us, and let us not feel that our work here is done while any others teach for gospel the mere opinions of men, which is being done in many places. These places should be regarded as destitution, and how can those who hear nothing else ever learn the truths of the kingdom unless they have a teacher. I may be asked: "What is this gospel?" I mean, by the gospel of the Kingdom, *The teaching of all that Christ commanded*; that salvation is of the Lord, for he laid down his life for the sheep, and as many as his Father gave he will draw unto him; "and no man can come unto Me unless the Father which sent me draw him." And when this is done we believe on him by faith—not to make him ours, but because He is ours. So we are not to become His by believing, but believe because we are His. This is what the Apostle meant, when he said: "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God and Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto the obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ." God hath made Him unto us, "Wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption." Now, this is the gospel of the Kingdom of Christ, and good news to those who are quickened by the Spirit of God. Then they hear, as never before, and see, as Paul did when the scales fell from his eyes.

And this is the gospel Christ commanded to be preached, and for which He said "the world would hate them." So it is to-day; and this is one sign of the true gospel, because the world cannot receive it, therefore they reject it upon principle, that the natural man deserveth not the things of the Spirit, because they are spiritual. And to realize the opposition, we only have to look down the line of battle behind us, and see the multitudes who have fallen for preaching it. But they counted their lives as nothing, sealing their testimony, like their Master, with their own blood. But still the gospel moved on, and its precious light is extending further and further, witnessing to its own power, breaking to pieces of other Kingdoms, carrying peace and comfort to the hearts of the dear children wherever they are. In Africa its power has been felt; in China, in Burmah, and amid the red men of the West. And in the last few years God, in his providence, has made the gates of Italy fly open, and the truth so long kept from that people, is now being sown broad cast, and the Divine Spirit is sanctifying it. God give it speed, and may it move the whole of Europe. Let the tumultuous passions of men teach them yet, that the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. But while we should contemplate its workings in other

lands, and aid it there by our prayers and contributions, let us not forget that there is work for us here in this, our own country. There are many localities within our own bounds yet, where this gospel is not preached. The work is ours to see that the truth, as it is in Christ, is preached in every part of the country. This only will meet and repute false doctrines, and heresy. These we have to meet from the simplest form of Arminionism to the deepest dye of Infidelity. Yes, these are making their inroads into our churches, through false teachers preaching such heresy as alien immersion and open communion. Such are leading many astray by their seducing doctrines. Now, brethren, what shall we do? We know that these things are so, and the only answer to this question should be, "Let every man gird on the whole armor of God, and stand around the camp in his proper place. Our enemies are not far from us; we may see and know them. The Master says, "He that is not with Me is against Me." Then they that are not with us are against us; and it becomes us to mark such—even in our own ranks—why? Because an enemy in the camp is to be dreaded far more than one outside. And of the strong weapons our enemies use against us to-day, is that we give an uncertain sound. "Some of you preach one doctrine and some another" Now this ought not to be. And perhaps this grows out of the fact that our preachers do not have the time to study the word; for Christ says: "They that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." And, "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Let us pray God to give us a willing mind.

We would suggest that your body recommend to the churches some plan by which the demand of the "Home Mission" should be met. And we know of no better plan than to establish some system of Missions by which we shall go from house to house. This will be a great burden, but, brethren, shall we sleep longer? Satan has, by the enchantments and fashions of the world, nearly sung the churches to sleep. We cry, peace! peace! Why this poverty? Pride, fashion, drunkenness, and intemperance in many ways, drains our purses, so that when the time comes to make an offering to the Lord, we bring that which is lame, and it may well be said of us, we have robbed God; therefore we have caused our own poverty. Oh! see where men's hearts are; to that object their efforts are directed. Men want money to gratify the eye, they find it; men want money to satisfy the taste, they find it; men want money to speculate, they find it; men want money to make feasts and get up balls for the world, and they find it. Why! Because their hearts are there. Call on such members as these for money in the church, or for the cause of Christ, and the answer is, "too much money—can't stand it." My dear brethren, this ought not so to be. Let us consider on this matter prayerfully and ask God to strengthen us, that we may do better and work more. To do this, let us all determine to consecrate our lives and our substance to the cause. When we have done this in deed and in truth, God will enable us to do all that he has commanded. What more can we say? Let us with one united effort come up to the work. Wherever the truth is preached faithful

A. L. MARTIN.

The report on nominations was read and adopted, as follows:

Brother A L Martin to preach the next *Introductory Sermon*.

Brother Moses Brackin, *Alternate*.

Brother J. T. Davis to write the *Circular Letter*.

Respectfully submitted,

T. T. SMITH,
A. J. ARMSTRONG, } Committee.
L. G. CLARK,

11th. Adopted the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1877.	Jno. T. Davis, Treasurer, in act. with Judson Baptist Association.		
Oct. 5.	To cash on hand as per last balance, viz :		
	For aged and infirm Minister's fund.....	\$ 20 70	
	For Associational purposes.....	7 20	
	To cash received of Finance Committee.....	154 50	
	“ “ “ “ Sabbath Collections.....	40 30	\$ 222 70
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Oct. 7.	By cash paid Elder Rogers from aged and infirm minister's fund.....	\$ 22 70	
	“ “ “ Brother Rogers, as Clerk.....	30 00	
	“ “ “ “ expenses on minutes.....	3 50	
	“ “ “ “ J. W. Malone (Missionary)...	32 00	
	“ “ “ “ Wm. Bruner (Missionary)...	65 00	
	“ “ “ “ Chadoin (Foreign Mission)...	16 40	
	“ “ “ “ Chadoin (Indian Mission)...	13 40	
	“ “ “ for printing minutes.....	30 00	
1878.	To balance on hand carried down.....	5 70	\$ 222 70
Oct. 5.	“ “ “ “ “ “ “	5 70	
	Less the balance due Bro. J. W. Malone on Mission work last year and paid him this day.....	3 00	
	Net Balance.....	\$ 2 70	
	Respectfully submitted	JNO. T. DAVIS, Treasurer.	

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JNO. T. DAVIS, Treasurer.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Skipper.

At 2 o'clock Brother J. C. Skipper preached at the stand.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by D. Rogers.

12. The recommendation of the Executive Committee to take pledges for the employing of an Evangelist, having been adopted.

and this being the hour set for that purpose, pledges were called for and the following taken :

Abbeville.....	\$ 10 00	J. T. Davis.....	\$ 10 00
Bethlehem.....	2 00	A. McAlister.....	5 00
Columbia.....	20 00	T. T. Smith.....	5 00
Ebenezer.....	1 00	Wm. Gissendinar.....	5 00
Mt. Pleasant (B).....	5 00	L. R. Sims.....	5 00
New Hope.....	2 00	D. Rogers.....	2 00
Pilgrim's Rest.....	5 00	J. P. Williams.....	1 00
Pleasant Grove.....	5 00	W. G. Davison.....	1 00
Shorterville.....	10 00	R. C. Kirkland.....	1 00
Walnut Grove.....	5 00	E. D. Roach.....	1 00
E. W. Smith.....	2 00	A. B. Fowler.....	1 00
S. A. Wilson.....	1 00	D. Williams (paid).....	1 00
T. E. McAlister.....	1 00	M. Norris.....	50
H. E. Smith.....	1 00	Sister Knight.....	1 00
M. Bonie, jr.,.....	1 00	F. M. Kirkland.....	1 00
J. M. Snead.....	1 00	J. Windham.....	1 00
W. M. Whitker.....	1 00	Jno E. McGriff.....	1 00
B. J. Waller.....	1 00	Thos. Gamble.....	1 00
G. B. Stringer.....	1 00	A. L. Martin.....	2 00
B. Milton (paid).....	50	S. J. Belcher (paid).....	1 00
J. A. Campbell.....	50	W. W. Nobles (paid)...	1 00
A. B. Forrister.....	2 00	J. F. Holleman (paid)...	1 00
R. A. Davis.....	1 00	Levi Kirkland.....	1 00
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	79 00		\$ 49 50

13. On motion the Executive Committee were authorized to employ Brother Martin for any length of time they may agree upon.

14. Read and adopted the report on finance as follows :

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We the Committee on Finance, beg to make the following report, to-wit :

For Minutes.....	\$ 44 75
" Associational purposes.....	22 75
" Foreign Missions.....	5 25
Pledges redeemed.....	60 95
Aged and infirm Minister's fund.....	20 30
Home Missions.....	10 60
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Total.....	\$165 60

Which is respectfully submitted

Oct. 5th, 1878.

A. F. STANTON, }
M. V. CAPPS, } Committee.
B. G. FARMER, }

15th. The following *Preamble and Resolution* was adopted :

Whereas, We feel the need of young and strong men to preach the gospel in our midst, and *whereas*, we believe that it is the duty of the churches to assist poor, young ministers in obtaining an education,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to inquire after such brethren, and report to the next session of this body, with a view to rendering the assistance necessary in procuring an education.

A. B. FOWLER,

In compliance with the above resolution the following Committee was appointed : A. L. Martin, J. T. Davis, T. L. Stapleton, B. A. Forrester and D. Rogers.

16th. It was resolved that the money turned over to Brother L. R. Sims for *colportage* be returned to the Treasurer of this body at its next session, to be used in the payment of our Evangelist, except the amount of unsold books on hand at that time—they to be turned over to the Association at cost.

17th. The following resolutions, offered by Brother, J. L. Williams, was adopted :

Resolved, That we appropriate \$30 for minutes, and the Clerk receive \$25 for his services.

18. *Resolved*, That the balance due our missionaries be paid out of the Sabbath collection.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are tendered the Pleasant Plains, and vicinity, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our stay among them.

18th. The case of Brother Brackin, who has lost his house by fire, was presented to the body, and about \$18 00 was contributed, and on motion the body gave Brother Brackin \$10 out of the treasury.

19. The case of Brother Elic. Jordan, who is so deformed that he cannot walk, was presented, and \$9 60 was contributed for his relief.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Sabbath morning. Prayer by Brother Brackin. *Saturday night*, Preaching by D. Rogers. Services closed by L. R. Sims.

Sabbath, 9 o'clock—After singing and prayer the Report on Sabbath Schools was received and adopted, and is as follows :

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

Your committee beg leave to report that they have examined the letters from the various churches composing the Association, and find that some of the churches are fully alive on this subject. They have kept up the Sabbath Schools for three years with good attendance. We find, however, that the greatest part of the churches have no Sabbath School. We recommend that the Pastors bring

this subject before their churches, and get every church, if possible, to organize a Sabbath School, that their children may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and be taught the great truths of God's word.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. DAVIS,
NAT PACE.

The following Standing Committees were appointed :

On Missions—D. Rogers, J. L. Wilson, and M. B. Green.

On Sabbath Schools—F. M. Bunker, R. W. Irwin and A. McAlister.

Adjourned to the stand, where, at 11 o'clock, Brother L. R. Sims preached an able and interesting sermon, to a large and attentive congregation, upon Isaiah 42:4. "He shall not fail, nor be discouraged, 'till he have set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for his law." At the close of the sermon about \$25 was collected for missions. The parting hand was taken and the body adjourned to meet at Columbia, Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1879. Prayer by Brother Parker,

Elder L. R. Sims, *Moderator*.

Elder D. ROGERS, *Clerk*.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Abbeville.....	L. R. Sims.....	T. A. Trawick..... Abbeville.
Adaniram.....	B. Herndon.....	J. S. Barnett..... Shorterville.
Bethel.....	D. Whidden.....	J. M. Snead..... Baker's Hill.
Benlah.....	R. Deal.....	G. W. Harris..... Beaver Creek.
Bethlehem.....	J. C. Skipper.....	S. W. Locke..... Headland.
Bluff Spring.....	W. Bruner.....	E. E. Meadows..... Gordon.
Camp Spring.....	E. M. Knowles.....	L. M. Skelton..... Columbia.
Concord.....	M. Brackin.....	W. H. Askew..... Headland.
Christian Grove.....	J. Tyler.....	Bery James..... Kings.
Columbia.....	L. R. Sims.....	J. L. Wilson..... Columbia.
Ebenezar.....	W. Bruner.....	W. C. King..... Columbia.
Fellowship.....	R. Deal.....	H. Wiggins..... Abbeville.
Gordon.....	J. M. Poyner.....	Samuel Bowdin..... Gordon.
Hebron.....	E. M. Knowles.....	Charles Grandberry..... Columbia.
Harmony.....	W. Bruner.....	J. R. Grainger..... Gordon.
Judson.....	A. L. Martin.....	W. H. Williams..... Fort Gaines, Ga.
Liberty.....	E. M. Knowles.....	N. Parish..... Gordon.
Mt. Pleasant (D).....	J. C. Skipper.....	J. J. Herring..... Beaver Creek.
Ma. Pleasant (B).....	J. W. Malone.....	Thomas F. Espy..... Kings.
Mt. Ariel.....	J. Tyler.....	R. A. Davis..... Cotton Hill.
New Hope.....	J. W. Malone.....	A. Starling..... Shorterville.
Oakey Grove.....	B. Herndon.....	R. S. McKnight..... Abbeville.
Pleasant Grove.....	A. L. Martin.....	J. E. Ward..... Abbeville.
Pleasant Plains.....	M. Brackin.....	A. F. Stanton..... Columbia.
Pleasant Hill.....		Joseph Irwin..... Gordon.
Pilgrim's Rest.....	E. M. Knowles.....	T. S. Stapleton..... Gordon.
Sardis.....	B. Herndon.....	G. A. Lewis..... Abbeville.
Smyrna.....	R. Deal.....	W. F. Jordan..... Columbia.
Shorterville.....	L. R. Sims.....	B. B. Farmer..... Shorterville.
Tolbert.....	M. Brackin.....	M. P. Shelly..... Headland.
Walnut Grove.....	E. M. Knowles.....	T. T. Smith..... Smithville.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dis'm'd by letter	Excluded	Dead	Total	For Minutes	For Associational purposes	Judson Mission	Indian Mission	Foreign Missions	Aged and infirm Ministers Fund	Redeemed pledge	DAYS OF MEETING.	
Abbeville.....	6	1	1	1	1	56	1 50	...	1 00	\$1 25	1 00	2 00	2d Sabbath			
Adaniram.....	...	7	1	...	...	60	1 50	...	...	...	...	2 00	2d	"
Bethel.....	1	2	2	1	...	65	1 00	...	...	...	...	2 00	1st	"
Beulah.....	1	3	4	2	...	66	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	3d	"
Bethlehem.....	2	3	3	2	1	134	3 00	...	...	...	...	...	1st	"
Bluff Spring.....	2	1	1	1	2	35	1 00	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Camp Spring.....	3	5	1	3	5	95	1 50	1 50	...	...	...	...	1st	"
Concord.....	3	3	2	5	4	123	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Christian Grove.....	2	...	...	2	1	42	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	1st	"
Columbia.....	9	4	6	...	...	78	2 00	...	3 00	...	3 00	...	...	...
Ebenezer.....	2	...	5	1	...	61	1 00	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fellowship.....	2	4	...	...	1	51	1 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gordon.....	...	4	...	...	...	14	1 00	1 50	7 50	...	...	...	...	...
Hebron.....	1	4	4	1	...	44	1 50	...	...	...	...	...	3d	"
Harmony.....	8	...	5	...	1	53	1 25	1 00	...	...	...	...	1st	"
Judson.....	5	2	2	1	...	54	2 00	...	...	...	5 00	5 00	1st	"
Liberty.....	6	2	...	...	...	34	70	...	3 30	...	...	...	4th	"
Mt. Pleasant (D)...	4	7	4	17	1	42	1 00	...	...	...	...	3 50	4th	"
Mt. Pleasant (B)...	4	...	3	...	...	55	1 50	...	...	...	...	5 00	4th	"
Mt. Ariel.....	...	...	...	...	...	17	1 20	...	...	...	...	...	2d	"
New Hope.....	...	...	6	...	...	69	1 50	1 00	...	...	...	...	4th	"
Oaky Grove.....	1	1	2	5	3	75	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	4th	"
Pleasant Grove.....	26	3	7	2	...	99	2 00	...	...	...	...	5 00	...	...
Pleasant Plains.....	...	3	2	4	3	97	2 00	2 00	...	...	...	...	2d	"
Pleasant Hill.....	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pilgrim's Rest.....	1	1	1	2	1	53	2 00	...	...	...	...	5 00	3d	"
Sardis (not rep)...	...	...	...	...	...	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Smyrna.....	2	3	3	1	3	84	1 50	1 25	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shorterville.....	6	1	...	1	...	89	2 50	1 20	5 00	3d	"			
Tolbert.....	...	1	2	2	...	91	1 00	2 00	4th	"		
Walnut Grove.....	3	2	2	7	1	52	1 50	5 00	2d	"		

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

—OF THE—

JUDSON ASSOCIATION

ART. I. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that He has made himself known to His people under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and equal in divine perfection.

ART. II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. III. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will.

ART. IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART. V. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own will and ability.

ART. VI. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART. VII. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART. VIII. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. IX. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism.

ART. X. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

ART. XI. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. XII. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, unless he is called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.